

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) .The details of the research projects currently undertaken by the Indian Council of Medical Research with regard to the effects and the eradication of various dreaded diseases in the country;
- (b) .the year-wise allocation and fund utilisation for various projects by ICMR during the last three years;
- c.whether the Government have any tie up with foreign medical research foundations to conduct medical research in the country;
- d.if so, the details thereof; and
- e.the performance of TB hospitals and Tuberculosis Research Centres of ICMR in Chennai during the said period?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA QUESTION NO. 7797 FOR 16.5.2000

ICMR conducts research to strengthen the National Programmes aimed at controlling specific diseases or conditions eg. Malaria, Filariasis, Kala-azar, Japanese encephalitis, Dengue fever, Tuberculosis, Blindness, Iodine deficiency disorders, Mental health, HIV/AIDS, Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular diseases, etc., The majority of projects relate to assessing the burden attributable to the disease, conditions or risk factors surveillance, identify the reasons for persistence of the disease, development of tools for diagnosis, treatment, and prevention and conduct operational research to identify problems and suggest solutions to improve implementation of strategies.

The year wise allocation and fund utilization by ICMR during last 3 years is as follows:

| Allocation     |         | Expenditure |
|----------------|---------|-------------|
| In Rs. (lakhs) |         |             |
| 1997-98        | 3652.00 | 3611.67     |
| 1998-99        | 5400.00 | 4999.77     |
| 1999-2000      | 5800.00 | 5925.00     |

Biomedical Research/Health Sciences figure in many bilateral agreements in the field of S&T such as those with Japan, Germany, Italy, Vietnam, Russia etc. In addition, there is a MOU between ICMR and INSERM (France). The medical research under the bilateral agreements is being pursued in the country through joint collaborative projects/workshop/seminars/symposia and fellowships in certain cases. Transfer of technology particularly from developed countries to India is one of the main purpose of such collaboration. Further, tie-ups exist with UN agencies such as WHO, UNICEF, other Governmental agencies like DANIDA & European Commission and International NGOs like Ford/Rockefeller Foundation etc.

The Tuberculosis Research Centre, Chennai has undertaken controlled clinical trials for treatment of pulmonary and extra-pulmonary tuberculosis using new drugs and new regimens. A model DOTS Centre has been established to undertake operational research and training personnel of RNTCP. It provides quality control assurance for the Programme and assists in the evaluation of the Programme. In addition, the TRC is involved in conducting basic research on mycobacteria promoters, role of natural killer cells, economic impact on TB patients and families and surveillance of drug resistance in tuberculosis.

